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To the Committee Considering the Bill to Prevent Insurance Companies from Discriminating Against Certain Breeds of Dogs:

Give all dogs a chance of a forever home. Dogs have different personalities, just like people. They all have the potential to give affection and bond with people. Cesar Millan, the Dog Whisperer, had a favorite dog named Daddy, a pitbull that lived to the age of 16. On youtube you can find videos of Cesar talking about his beloved dog and educating people not to fear certain breeds. We as a society need to do a better job of protecting dogs from abuse and neglect. Impose harsher penalties and fines for perpetrators of cruelty. Support our animal shelters and offer education and training. People engaged in dogfighting should serve time in jail and pay hefty lifelong fines to care for animals they have harmed, their rehabilitation, and other animal victims in shelters.

Dogs that are well treated will be great pets. They all deserve it. Speak up for them. Help to make them adoptable.

Thank you,

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